

Remarks

The Applicants acknowledge the earlier election of Claims 13 – 19. Claims 1 – 12 have been cancelled to place the Application into final condition for allowance.

The Applicants acknowledge the objection to Claim 16 and have removed the multiple dependencies as they apply to Claim 15. In other words, Claim 16 now depends from Claims 13 or 14. New Claim 20 has been added. It contains the same subject matter as original Claim 16 except that it depends on Claim 15. Examination on the merits of all of Claims 16 and 20 is respectfully requested.

The Applicants acknowledge the rejection of Claims 13 – 15 and 17 – 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112. The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's helpful comments with respect to placing Claim 13 into proper form for allowance. Specifically, the Applicants have amended Claim 13 to remove reference to "liquid." The other claims have also been amended to remove "liquid" so that they will be in conformance with Claim 13. Claim 13 has also been amended at line 2 to recite a reaction "product" in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion. Finally, Claim 13 has been amended so that "and" remains in place. The polyether diol should have only structural units (b), or only structural units (c), or both structural units (b) and (c). In other words, the polyether diol must have either one type of structural units (b) and (c) or both types of structural units (b) and (c). Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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